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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013-14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2319

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonilla

February 21, 2014

An act to add Article 8 (commencing with Section 60130) to Chapter 1 of Part 33 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code, relating to school finance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2319, as amended, Bonilla. School finance: innovation, training, and technology block grant. Innovation, Training, and Common Core Implementation Fund.

Existing law requires the Academic Content Standards Commission to develop, and the State Board of Education to adopt or reject, academic content standards in language arts and mathematics that are internationally benchmarked and built toward college and career readiness by high school graduation, and requires at least 85% of these standards to be the common core academic content standards developed by the Common Core State Standards Initiative consortium or any association or related interstate collaboration, except as specified.

This bill would establish the Innovation, Training, and Common Core Implementation Fund Act, to be implemented if funds are received in the annual Budget Act or another statute, as specified. The bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to allocate funds for the 2014–15 fiscal year to local educational agencies for specified purposes relating to the integration of common core academic content standards in schools, including, among others, the professional development of teachers, administrators, and paraprofessional

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educators. The bill would require a local educational agency that receives funds to meet specified requirements, including reporting detailed expenditure information to the State Department of Education, and would require the department to summarize and submit the information to the appropriate budget subcommittees and policy committees of the Legislature on or before July 3, 2016.

Existing law establishes a public school financing system that requires state funding for county superintendent of schools, school districts, and charter schools to be calculated pursuant to a local control funding formula, as specified. Existing law also establishes various educational programs for which funding is provided for specific educational purposes.

This bill would express the Legislature's intent to enact legislation that would create an innovation, training, and technology block grant that would authorize a school district, county office of education, or charter school, for the 2014–15 fiscal year, to expend block grant funds for specified purposes, including, among others, professional development for teachers, administrators, and paraprofessional educators that is aligned with the common core academic content standards.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no-yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 8 (commencing with Section 60130) is 2 added to Chapter 1 of Part 33 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the 3 Education Code, to read: 4

> Article 8. Innovation, Training, and Common Core Implementation Fund

60130. This article shall be known, and may be cited, as the Innovation, Training, and Common Core Implementation Fund

10 Act.
 11 60131. (a) For purposes of implementing the common core
 12 academic content standards adopted pursuant to Sections 60605.8,

13 60605.85, as that section read on June 30, 2014, and 60811.3, as

14 that section read on June 30, 2013, there is hereby established the

15 Innovation, Training, and Common Core Implementation Fund.

16 It is the intent of the Legislature that local educational agencies

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use funds allocated pursuant to subdivision (b) to support the integration of common core academic content standards in instruction for kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, for purposes of establishing quality instructional programs for all pupils.

- (b) For the 2014–15 fiscal year, subject to subdivision (d), the Superintendent shall allocate funds to local educational agencies on the basis of prior year enrollment. The allocated funds shall be available for encumbrance through the 2015–16 fiscal year.
- (c) A local educational agency shall expend funds allocated pursuant to this section for any of the following purposes:
- (1) Professional development for teachers, administrators, and paraprofessional educators that is aligned to the common core academic content standards adopted as specified in subdivision (a).
- (2) Integration of the common core academic content standards through technology-based instruction for purposes of improving the academic performance of pupils, including, but not limited to, administering computer-based assessments.
 - (3) *Infrastructure upgrades to increase Internet bandwidth.*
- (4) Science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) programs.
 - (5) Career technical education.

- (6) Instructional materials aligned to the common core academic content standards adopted pursuant to Sections 60605.8, 60605.85, as that section read on June 30, 2014, and 60811.3, as that section read on June 30, 2013, including, but not limited to, supplemental instructional materials as provided in Sections 60605.86, 60605.87, and 60605.88, as those sections read on June 30, 2014.
- (d) As a condition of receiving funds allocated pursuant to this section, the governing board or body of the local educational agency shall do both of the following:
- (1) Develop and adopt a plan delineating how funds allocated pursuant to this section shall be spent. The plan shall be explained in a regularly scheduled public meeting of the governing board or body of the local educational agency before its adoption in a subsequent regularly scheduled public meeting.
- (2) On or before January 1, 2016, report detailed expenditure information to the department, including, but not limited to, specific purchases made and the number of teachers, administrators, or

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paraprofessional educators that received professional development.

The department shall determine the format for this report.

- (e) The department shall summarize the information reported pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) and shall submit the summary to the appropriate budget subcommittees and policy committees of the Legislature on or before July 3, 2016.
- (f) The requirement for submitting a report imposed under subdivision (e) is inoperative on January 1, 2019, pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.
- 60132. For purposes of this article, "local educational agency" means a school district, county office of education, or charter school.
- 60133. This article shall not be implemented unless funding is provided for the Innovation, Training, and Common Core Implementation Fund in the annual Budget Act or another statute.
- SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would create an innovation, training, and technology block grant that would, for the 2014–15 fiscal year, authorize a school district, county office of education, or charter school to expend block grant funds for any of the following purposes:
- (a) Professional development for teachers, administrators, and paraprofessional educators that is aligned with the common core academic content standards.
- (b) Technology, hardware, or software.
- (c) Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)
 programs.
 - (d) Career technical education.
- 28 (e) Instructional materials.